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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

I am writing to you in regard to the LightSquared spectrum issue. As Chief of Police for the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, I am asking that the Federal Communications Commission consider approving the deployment of a new series 4G-LTE network that will enhance communication capabilities for the first responders in the public safety community. My department of 24 full-time sworn officers, two part-time officers, and 11 civilian employees would certainly appreciate and benefit from the opportunity to greatly improve the capacity to coordinate more effectively and efficiently in response to emergencies.

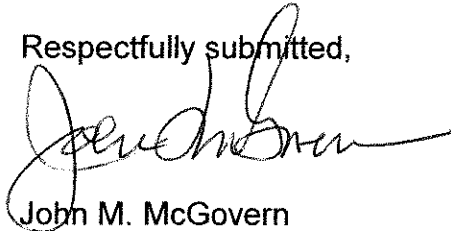
LightSquared already has experience providing communication services to federal, state, and local police, fire, rescue, and disaster-relief departments. The company had provided satellite phones to FEMA after Hurricane Katrina, which kept vital lines of communications available when all others failed. More recently, I understand that several state public safety agencies that assisted their colleagues along the eastern seaboard in response to Hurricane Sandy also used LightSquared's SATCOM services. It is also prudent to mention that LightSquared operates a nationwide interoperable satellite communications push-to-talk group. This instant push-to-talk capability is critical to my department because of our need for instantaneous communications in emergency situations.

As I understand it, LightSquared's new proposal accommodates the GPS interference issues raised over the past few years by providing existing GPS spectrum with a

significant interference-free buffer. Given that accommodation, the time to act is now. I am asking the Federal Communications Commission to approve the LightSquared's proposals to upgrade the nation's wireless broadband capability, allowing public safety providers access to this effective yet affordable technology and thereby improving our service delivery to the public.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John McGovern", written over the typed name.

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Senator Roy Blunt